

## The Catholic Community Newsletter



St Mary  
Marple Bridge

### *St Mary's, Marple Bridge and The Annunciation, New Mills*



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### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

<b>Saturday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	MB	6.30pm	<b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)</b>	Good health of Rena Jordon Rev J F Quinn R.I.P. T H Doherty R.I.P.
<b>Sunday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	NM	9.30am		
		MB	11.15am		
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	NM	10.00am	<b>Tuesday after Epiphany Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	D & A Howard R.I.P.
		NM	10.30am		
<b>Thursday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	MB	9.30am	<b>Thursday after Epiphany</b>	Dorothy Beswick R.I.P.
<b>Saturday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	MB	6.30pm	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	People of the Parish T H Doherty R.I.P. Michael & Doreen Furlong R.I.P
<b>Sunday</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	NM	9.30am		
		MB	11.15am		

#### ROTAS

			6 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	13 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY
<b>Welcomers</b>	6.30pm	<b>MB</b>	Norah Hudson	Jim Howell
<b>Readers</b>			Steve Burgess	Teresa Clarke
<b>Gifts</b>			M Cooke & E Newton	Val & Bill Yates
<b>Welcomers</b>	9.30am	<b>NM</b>	Pat Atkinson & Pat McGrath	Simon Sharp & Assunta Ashton
<b>Readers</b>			Joan Hall & Rene Tierney	Frank & Tara Thompson
<b>Welcomers</b>	11.15am	<b>MB</b>	Sheila Harvey	Myra O'Connor
<b>Readers</b>			Kate Hunt	Gloria Tomalin
<b>Gifts</b>			Denise Ead	Joe Harvey
<b>Child's Lit</b>	9.30am	<b>NM</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Counters</b>		<b>MB</b>	Margaret & Vincent Coupes	David Barron & Tony McHale
		<b>NM</b>	Geraldine & Patrick Chamberlain	Linda & Chris Flowers
<b>Tea/ Coffee</b>		<b>NM</b>	Theresa Hogg & Ela Keller- Koczaska	Angie & Jim McGlynn
<b>Cleaners</b>		<b>NM</b>	No cleaning	Pat Drury & Kath Barnie
		<b>MB</b>	Margaret & Vincent Coupes	No cleaning

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** Evangelization: Young People and the Example of Mary That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**FATHER JOHN TEXTS:** On Christmas Eve, I offered up Mass with my Mum and family, for all your intentions, praying for you and your loved ones, that 2019 will bring you all many blessings from the Lord. Christmas went well enough for me but I was struggling with the side effects from my chemo treatment and ended up in hospital for New Year's Eve; I'm now home, thank God and praying that I'll be restored to health and able to receive my next chemo treatment on Wednesday. May I say thank you to all who sent me cards, get well wishes and gifts, and also thank everyone who gave so generously towards the Christmas collection, thank you. I feel that, with the many prayers and all the support I'm receiving, I should become the next Pope, thank you for all your kindness. I do pray that you all had a wonderful Christmas and that 2019 will bring you many blessings. Take care and God bless, Father John

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Bishop Patrick is offering the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Glossop and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Buxton. If there are any more youngsters in years nine and ten wishing to receive this Sacrament, please contact Father Kevin.

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE AND PRIESTHOOD:** Please keep in your prayers, the two men being ordained to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood in our diocese this month. Liam Carpenter will be ordained to the Diaconate on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm at St Bernadette's, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe. Deacon Paul Smith will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 11.30am at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. Please know that you are invited to share in the joy of these ordinations by attending.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND,  
Remember especially:**

Fr John Cairns, Rene Tierney, Jani Abbs-Brown,  
Mike Goodwin, Jan Letowska, Eileen Grace, Aine Shaw,  
Beverley Burke, Anna Kalnis, Fr. Hugh Doherty,  
David Poole, Bernadette Tonge, David Hill, Bill Martin,  
Marie Sidebottom, Suzanne Mautschke, Janet Liddle,  
Maria Heywood and Dorothy Graham

**SPIRITUALITY GROUP LENT 2019:** We are starting to think about our weekly sessions during Lent, particularly a theme and their content. If you have any thoughts or ideas or if you would like to lead a session, please speak to Joe or Mary.

**WELLSPRING SPONSORED WALK:** This will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January, meeting at the Holy Spirit church, Leigh Avenue in Marple.

**ANY OLD IPODS?** Father Kevin is looking for an old ipod so as to provide music at Chapel when there are no musicians... If you have one lying about the house and no longer required, please give him a ring.

**BAPTISMS:** Deacon Don will be holding one Baptism course for anyone wishing to have their child baptised before Easter, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm at New Mills. Please complete one of the forms at the back of both churches if you would like to have your child baptised during this time.

**CATHOLIC DIARIES:** There are still a few of these at the back of the churches; please take one if you would like one

**DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS:** Again, there are still a few left at the bargain price of £3.00; please put the money in the repository box.

**REST IN PEACE ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mary Gertrude Nellis, Maurice Graham,  
Mary Arnfield, Mary Griffiths, Patricia Butterworth,  
James Bracewell and Valerie Pike

**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.**